



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

Today, Congress passed a weeklong Continuing Resolution (CR). While I'm relieved that Congress avoided a shutdown, I think it's outrageous we keep doing CRs. Speaker Ryan has a healthy majority, but didn't get it done last year and still couldn't this week. The American people deserve better: they expect us to pass a bipartisan budget. However, instead of focusing on budget negotiations, House Republicans tried to bring their health care plan to the floor for a vote by making it even more extreme – again. The good news? Once again, widespread grassroots opposition scuttled their plan. With tomorrow marking President Trump's 100th day in office, the Republicans who control the Executive Branch, House, and Senate are not working on jobs, prescription drug costs, infrastructure, or anything Americans need. Instead, they have focused on rolling back policies that keep us safe and healthy. While we try to get Congress working for the people again, let's adhere to the motto: "First, do no harm."

### **Tuesday's Town Hall meeting**

Thanks to all who came out for Tuesday's town hall meeting at the Portsmouth Public Library.



I enjoyed taking questions about crucial issues: income inequality, equal pay, health care, climate change, national security, and staying engaged in our democracy. Looking forward to holding another town hall soon!

### **Unrigging the tax code**

While our broken tax code badly needs reform, this week's one-page White House tax proposal misses the mark by slashing rates for the biggest corporations and creating even more ways for the wealthiest Americans to avoid paying their fair share. This proposal would be a corporate giveaway, plain and simple, slashing rates for the wealthiest while preserving unfair loopholes and lucrative deductions written by lobbyists that allow huge corporations like Exxon Mobil to pay zero in federal taxes and instead claim millions in rebates. Yesterday, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin [wouldn't guarantee](#) that middle-class families wouldn't pay more under the proposal.

I continue to advocate for an honest, bipartisan discussion on tax reform that prioritizes tax relief for working families and small businesses to address our nation's income inequality crisis. But I will not support any plan that exacerbates income inequality by giving away even more to the wealthiest 1% and the biggest corporations already favored by our tax code, while asking

working Americans to bear the brunt of draconian budget cuts in the name of deficit reduction. I am also deeply concerned by reports these corporate giveaways may not even be paid for. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget did a rough cost estimate and said the plan could cost [\\$5.5 trillion](#) in lost revenue during the first decade. I will insist that Congressional Republicans should walk the walk on responsible deficit reduction in any tax plan.

### **Defending Net Neutrality**

I strongly oppose this week's FCC proposal, which would repeal the Open Internet rules we developed to protect consumers and instead let network owners create 'fast lanes' and 'slow lanes' for web content, allowing some pages, apps, and videos to load faster than others.

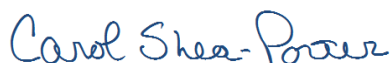
The FCC must continue to defend net neutrality: the simple principle that lawful content on the Internet should be equally accessible to everyone, and that Internet service providers should not be allowed to discriminate against some content providers.

Without the guarantee of network neutrality, the Internet superhighway's rules of the road will favor big tech businesses over newer startups. The Internet has allowed the proud tradition of American ingenuity and entrepreneurship to reach every corner of the globe. Its openness has enabled a new generation of New Hampshire innovators to turn a bright idea and a laptop into a business. The last thing our economy needs now is for these engines of growth to be slowed.

### **Closing thoughts**

As Granny D said, "Democracy isn't something we have, it's something we do." It's been wonderful to see sky-high levels of civic engagement continue here in New Hampshire and across the country. From those who came out to this week's town hall, to the Granite Staters who [made the trip down](#) to D.C., to the scientists I spoke with at last weekend's March for Science, and those I'm looking forward to seeing at tomorrow's Climate March: thank you for staying involved. We are stronger together!

Best wishes,



Carol

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### **This week's press releases**

- [ICYMI: Shea-Porter and 45 Bipartisan Lawmakers Call on Speaker Ryan to Hold Debate on War Authorization for ISIS and Syria](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on Trump Tax Proposal Outline](#)
- [ICYMI: Shea-Porter, Scott, Bonamici, Murray, Warren Urge Secretary DeVos to Reinstate Student Loan Protections](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement in Defense of Net Neutrality](#)

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### **Shea-Porter urges constituents to remain politically active**

**Alex LaCasse // Portsmouth Herald**

U.S. Representative Carol Shea-Porter, D-New Hampshire, was in-district on Tuesday afternoon and held a town hall forum for constituents to ask questions at the Portsmouth Public Library.

### **Rep. Carol Shea-Porter Sounds Alarm On Public Assistance Programs**

**Michael Kitch // Laconia Daily Sun**

U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter stopped in the city last week in the course of touring the 1st Congressional District to gauge the reaction of social service agencies to the prospect of further reductions in public assistance programs, particularly the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program known as LIHEAP.

### **Hundreds join Occupy NH Seacoast's March for Science**

**Jeff McMenemy // Fosters**

Several hundred people filled Market Square Saturday on a cold and rainy Earth Day to hold a March for Science. U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-N.H., told the crowd "this is no time to let up."



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